

In the claims:

Claims 1-4 cancelled.

5. (currently amended) A battery pack, comprising a housing; a plurality of battery cells located in an interior of said housing and having longitudinal axes; and heat-diffusing means for diffusing heat from said battery cells, said heat diffusing means including a wall of said housing which ~~surrounds~~is peripherally adjacent to said battery cells from outside of said battery cells and is shaped so that it forms at least one peripherally closed and uninterrupted duct which extends parallel to said longitudinal axes of said battery cells from one axial side to another axial side of said housing and is closed off in its entirety from ~~an~~the interior of said housing in which said battery cells are located, for passing a heat-diffusing medium from one axial side to another axial side of said housing between said battery cells.

6. (previously presented) A battery pack as defined in claim 1, wherein said at least one duct has wall regions that rests in form-locking fashion against said battery cells that are located adjacent to said wall regions.

7. (previously presented) A battery pack as defined in claim 1, wherein said wall regions of said at least one duct include at least partly a heat-conducting material.

8. (previously presented) A battery pack as defined in claim 7, wherein said wall regions of said at least one duct that include said heat-conducting material are recessed so far from outer wall regions of said housing that contact with said heat-conducting material by a user is prevented.

Claim 9 cancelled.

10. (previously presented) A battery pack as defined in claim 5, wherein said at least one duct is located in a nip between individual ones of said battery cells.

11. (currently amended) A battery pack, comprising a housing; a plurality of battery cells located is peripherally adjacent to in said housing and having longitudinal axes; and heat-diffusing means for diffusing heat from said battery cells, said heat diffusing means including a wall of said housing which ~~surrounds~~is peripherally adjacent to said battery cells from outside of said battery cells and is shaped so that it forms at least one peripherally closed and uninterrupted duct which is located between a plurality of individual ones of said

battery cells from one axial side to another axial side of said housing, extends parallel to said longitudinal axes of said battery cells and is closed off peripherally and uninterrupted from ~~an~~the interior of said housing in which said battery cells are located, for passing of a heat-diffusing medium from one axial side to another axial side of said housing between said battery cells.

12. (new) A battery pack, comprising a housing; a plurality of battery cells located in an interior of said housing and having longitudinal axes; and heat-diffusing means for diffusing heat from said battery cells, said heat diffusing means including a wall of said housing which is peripherally adjacent to said battery cells from outside of said battery cells and is shaped so that it forms at least one peripherally closed and uninterrupted duct which is located between a plurality of individual ones of said battery cells, extends parallel to said longitudinal axes of said battery cells and is closed off in its entirety from the interior of said housing in which said battery cells are located, for passing of a heat-diffusing medium between said battery cells.